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115-117 MAIN STREET
Reisterstown, Maryland.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Trinity Lutheran Church Parsonage

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

115-117 Main Street

6th

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, c/o Rev. Dixon Yaste

Telephone #: 833-1604

STREET & NUMBER

117 Main Street

Maryland 21136

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County

Liber #: JWS 185/145

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

115-117 Main Street was a three-storey brick double house, dating from the mid-nineteenth century, facing the street to the west; it has been remodeled in recent years as a single dwelling, although it retains exterior entrances in their original locations in the outer end bays, now enframed by modern wood pilasters and pediments. It is now the Parsonage of Trinity Lutheran Church (q.v.).

Originally each house was two bays in length, probably nearly identical to the single three-bay, three-storey house next door to the south (121,q.v.). The brick walls are common bond, every sixth course headers; the cornice is of corbeled brick. The doors originally were unadorned masonry openings; windows of the first and second storeys were, and are, 6/6, with louvred blinds; the small third storey windows are pairs of four-light casements. A single chimney rises through the roof-ridge between the two houses. A stuccoed brick two-storey kitchen wing extends four bays in length behind the house to the east.

Internally the house has been refinished extensively but portions of the original plan and some details remain. A single room is in the front section of each house; an enclosed stair winds from the second to the third floors of each house east of the central chimney and it originally extended from the first floor. Enclosing partitions are of vertical boards and the doors retain their original small beveled cast-iron latches. Fireplaces are in the first storey only; the mantel has plain pilasters with bold capitals supporting a plain frieze and thick plain shelf. The chimney reduces to a single stove flue for the upper storeys, indicating the original use of stoves throughout. The rear wing contained the kitchens for both houses; it is extensively remodeled. The third storey is in nearly original condition and the low attic is accessible by a hatch in the ceilings of each third storey room. The oak rafters are half-lapped at the ridge and pegged.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		local history	

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The double brick building which is the Trinity Lutheran Church Parsonage was purchased at public auction in 1891 for \$1,100.00. Its condition at that time was described as "fair". (Redcay, op. cit., p. 38).

The lot on which this building stands was Lot #2 of two lots contiguous to one another which were devised to John S. Jolius by the Will of the late J. T. Worthington (BMP 15/110). Just who John Jolius was remains a mystery. Worthington was a "lawyer and justice and member of one of Baltimore County's oldest and most distinguished families". (Marks, op. cit., p. 47)

In December 1852, Jolius leased Lot #2 to Silas Larsh. The yearly rental was one cent. The property contained 1/4 of an acre. Three years later in 1855, Larsh leased the contiguous Lot #1 from Jolius for \$6.52-1/2 for 99 years.

Silas Larsh apparently died, for the next transaction has Edward Larsh, adver. of Silas Larsh, deceased, devising the property to George Hammond in 1868. The parcel being devised was comprised of parts of the original Lots 1 and 2. The house had been constructed by this time, probably by Silas Larsh. (EHA 59/103). The remainder of these lots had been devised to Ann Gore in 1866 (JHL 50/161).

In 1873, George Hammond devised the property to Edward Feinous (EHA 82/469). This was the same property described in a Deed of Assignment from Edward Larsh to Edward Feinous dated October 10, 1868 (59/103).

In 1874, Feinous devised Lot #1 to John Blizzard. (JB 86/19) The 1877 Atlas shows that Blizzard held the property. In 1881 Blizzard mortgaged his property to Jeremiah Ducker (WMI 93/239). He apparently defaulted eventually because in 1891 the property was sold at public auction to the church.

It is probably safe to say that this property was used primarily for speculation.

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Harold Redcay, Brief Account of Lutheranism in Reisterstown (Reisterstown, Privately Printed, 1955)
 Lillian B. Marks, Reister's Desire (Baltimore, 1975)
 Land Records, Baltimore County Courthouse, Towson, Md.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 63.36' x 50' approx.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY James T. Wollon A.I.A.

NAME/TITLE Mr. Oscar Staley Volunteer Researcher
 Cornelia M. Ives Project Coordinator

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

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833-3078 (Ms. Ives)

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

430 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Reisterstown, Maryland 21136

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